More Information About Receiving Financial Assistance: *If you have questions, please call: Julia Jarema at 919-715-3747*

Several criteria must first be met before the state can ask for financial assistance. In order for families or business-owners to qualify for financial assistance, there must be more than 100 uninsured or underinsured residences and/or businesses in a particular county that were destroyed or severely damaged. Local governments may be eligible for financial assistance if uninsured losses exceed the federal threshold of \$3.27 per person given the countywide population.

Residents and business owners who have incurred damage from this week's floods should contact their insurance company. Uninsured residents and business owners should contact their county emergency management office.

In the past week, much of Eastern North Carolina experienced flood levels not seen since Hurricane Floyd in 1999. Eight storm-related deaths were reported in North Carolina and early estimates indicate more than 260 homes and businesses have been flooded. As of Monday morning, three shelters remained opened housing 23 evacuees. Countless other families whose homes are flooded or damaged are staying with friends or families. Agricultural damage estimates are expected to be in the millions. All interstates remain open, but dozens of local roads and bridges remain closed throughout eastern North Carolina.

Schedule for damage assessments

Tuesday: Bertie, Craven, Gates, Hertford, New Hanover, Tyrrell

Wednesday: Brunswick, Carteret, Columbus, Hyde, Jones

Thursday: Beaufort, Chowan, Duplin, Martin, Onslow, Pender, Pitt, Washington